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Docket No.: 1614.1142

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shunji BABA

Serial No. 09/811,605

Group Art Unit: 1762

Confirmation No. 9323

Filed: March 20, 2001

Examiner: Brian K. Talbot

For: RESIN COATING METHOD (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on July 23, 2003.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

ITEMS 1, 2, AND 4: STATUS OF APPLICATION PROSECUTION

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the 35 USC § 112, ¶ 2 rejections, the 35 USC § 102 anticipation rejection based on JP '276 and JP '276, itself, and the "non-responsive" objection regarding claim 2, in accordance with items 1, 2 and 4 of the present Action.

The last paragraph of item 4 states the Examiner's disagreement with applicant's argument, that the references previously relied upon in this prosecution do not teach the